

REMARKS

The specification and claims have been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-36 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, this rejection should now be addressed and it is therefore requested that it be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner considers the claims to be allowable if the 112 rejection were overcome. Since this should now have been done, it is submitted that the pending application is in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

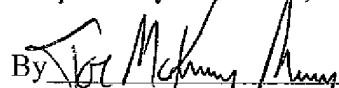
Because the prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of prior art and is not being utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Joe McKinney Muncy Reg. No. 32,334 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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